

FY 2018 GRANT REVIEW PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Grant Type: Education Resource

Panel Meeting Date: May 8, 2017

Panel Members Present: Madeleine Bayard, Wilmington (DSAC)
Jane Bonbright, Bethany
Lori Crawford, Dover (DSAC)
Jennifer Golek, Wilmington
Deb Hansen, Dover
David Warick, Rehoboth

Panel Members Absent: none

Panel Chair: Paul Weagraff, Director, Division of the Arts

Staff Members Present: Sheila Ross, Program Officer
Katie West, Program Officer
Leeann Wallet, Program Officer
Dana Wise, Office Administrator

Location: Dover Public Library, Dover

Meeting Started: 11:30 a.m.

The grant review panel convened to evaluate applications for funding from the organizations listed below, based on pre-established criteria and scoring rubrics. Applications for funding to help schools, arts organizations, and artists work together to strengthen arts instruction in the schools were considered for Education Resource grants. The grant panel, made up of citizens from around the state, reviewed the applications in advance. At the meeting, the panel chair asked panelists to provide an objective and consistent evaluation of each applicant's project/program and to measure each application against the criteria in the grant application guidelines.

Panelists recused from discussion of applications due to a conflict of interest: Deb Hansen, Biggs Museum of American Art; David Warick, Delaware Shakespeare Festival; Jennifer Golek, DE Symphony.

Number of Grant Applications Reviewed: 16

Applications: (in order of review)

1. Art Therapy Express – *Breaking Down the Walls of Disability*
2. Biggs Museum of American Art – *Accessing Educational Resources*
3. Delaware Art Museum – *Studio 6teen*
4. The Delaware Contemporary – *Contemporary Connections*
5. Delaware School for the Deaf - *TheatreBridge*
6. Delaware Shakespeare Festival – *The Bridge*
7. Delaware Symphony Orchestra – *DSA Education Programs*
8. Delaware Theatre Company – *DTC Education and Community Engagement Programming*
9. First State Ballet Theatre – *DanceWorks!*
10. Grand Opera House – *Stages of Discovery*

11. Joshua M. Freeman Foundation – *Sussex County Arts in Education Program*
12. Kuumba Academy Charter School – *Traversing the Academic Terrain*
13. Opera Delaware – *Youth Education Programs*
14. Rehoboth Art League – *Arts Outreach*
15. VSA Delaware – *Performing Arts Residency*
16. Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library – *Terrific Tuesdays and Fantastic Fridays*

General discussion was conducted at the conclusion of application review concerning the results of the ranking and funding considerations for the staff and Council related to rankings. The three lowest scoring applications, those scoring below 3.0 (meets expectations), were recommended for zero funding.

Panelists recommended that the program evaluation criteria and rubrics be fine-tuned, separating out the Delaware Standards for the Performing and Visual Arts as its own criterion, rather than including it under Artistic Quality. Panelists also suggested that “populations served” be included in the criteria and narrative questions, in order to account for special needs populations and at-risk youth. Panelists suggested that applicants submit sample curricula as an attachment, when available.

The Division Director announced that grant awards will be posted on the Division website at www.arts.delaware.gov after the Delaware State Arts Council makes final funding recommendations and the FY2018 budget is adopted by the General Assembly. Panel comments for each of the applications will be available upon request once grant awards are announced.

Panel Chair thanked panelists for their time and preparation.

Meeting adjourned: 4:30 p.m.